

Teacher Criticizes Educational Trend

(The following comments on today's educational system was written for The Parkhill Gazette by Gordon Campbell, a retired head of the English Department of an Ontario Secondary School. Mr. Campbell took an early retirement this year after only 28 years of active teaching. He received his teaching credentials at the height of the depression of the thirties and did not begin his teaching career until his return from active service in the Canadian Army overseas in 1945—Editor)

Education has been going through many major transitions during the past 20 years. The rate of change has been accelerating and some leave you thinking that a return to what might be called the basics may be the next chance. For four years now there has been unlimited choice as opposed to the so-called Roberts Plan which was a highly structured program.

Now 27 credits are required for a High School Graduation Diploma. Three credits from each of four general areas are compulsory. These are listed as Communications, Social Science, Applied Science and Arts. In a school with a large range of options it would be possible to graduate with very little training in English, Mathematics, History, Geography and other subjects which help to create a

real background for study and self-education.

Grammar, penmanship, spelling and other tools of yesteryear are largely ignored or forgotten. Indeed there is often very little training in writing a basic friendly or business letter or indeed addressing an envelope.

What courses should be compulsory? It would seem to us that English should be compulsory in three of the first four years at high school. Mathematics and Science should be taken at least two years. Personally we would also favor Geography and History as four credits, two being the Geography and History of our own country.

There should be no need to convince anyone about the need for English, Mathematics, or Sciences courses. These subjects form the backbone of our daily lives. Proficiency in them will often be the difference between being employed or unemployed. We cannot live socially, meeting and mixing with each other, without using the English language to communicate our ideas orally and in writing. Mathematics and science are used in stores, shops, in the home, on the road, yes everywhere, daily.

Geography from the simple reading of a road map, to the daily study of the weather patterns enables us to understand the world around us and make

reasoned judgments of such matters as energy use, pollution remedies and so on.

History too enables us to have a working knowledge of the federal, provincial and local governments. It will help us understand the reasons for and the moves behind regional government. The percentage of those who vote is small principally because so few understand the issues or who would provide adequate leadership. With the voting age now at eighteen years, it seems logical that the newly enfranchised should have some idea of the issues and stakes involved in their choice.

Our goal would be to have half the courses in the secondary school system compulsory to provide the tools by which a person can gain as much knowledge as he sees fit. The other half of the curriculum could supply those courses which are either specific training in some trade or skill or some study in the more artistic pursuits such as music, drama, other languages and so on. This latter group help in making a well-rounded person. They could also open the door for many career-minded persons.

We would also limit the number of the so-called "Mickey Mouse" courses which may be entertaining but offer too little challenge.



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1873 Theme For 1973 Bazaar

Appropriately dressed for the occasion, Mrs. Rhelda Stockall (left) and Mrs. Joan Flett of St. Mary's Anglican enjoy a cup of tea as they discuss plans for the church's annual bazaar to take place in Wrixon Hall, Vaughan Road at Yonge Street, on November 10 from 2 to 4 p.m.

In recognition of Richmond Hill's 100th birthday, the people of the church are calling this year's bazaar the "Centennial Year Christmas Shoppe", and the theme will be followed through in offerings at the numerous booths and in the tea room.

Burglar Surprised In Thornhill

Youths Arrested After Drinking Party

Three youths were arrested following a drinking party in a vacant field Friday night (October 26) on the south side of Highway 7 at Yonge Street.

York Regional Police said they were called to investigate after Vaughan Fire Department went to the scene to extinguish a fire, which the youths had started. Enroute, the police car was damaged by rocks, which had been placed on the road to prevent cars from entering the field.

Charged with wilful damage, consuming under age and having liquor in a place other than a dwelling, were Paul Thomson, 18, of 32 Richmond Street, Richmond Hill; Andrew Yung, 17, of 18 Longbridge Road, Thornhill; and Charles Donerall, 17, of 1616 Rutherford Road, Maple.

In Thornhill, a would-be burglar found he didn't get up quite early enough to do any damage at the home of Marion Hunter, Apartment 711, 7433 Yonge Street, October 22.

Police said Miss Hunter told them she was getting ready for work about 7:30 a.m. when she heard some one trying to open the door of her apartment.

Miss Hunter opened the door and found a man kneeling at the lock, trying to pry it open.

The man fled, but was picked up in a parking lot down the street, about half an hour later.

Charged with attempted breaking and entering was Walter Terwin, 44, of Queen Street West, Toronto.

Also in Thornhill, Joseph

Curtin, 60 Oak Avenue, told police a man threatened him in a shopping plaza by holding an eight-inch screwdriver to his throat, October 25, about 4:55 p.m.

Arrested later in Richmond Hill and charged with common assault, was William R. Barber, 20, of Scarborough. A domestic argument led to the arrest of Denise Anita Paul, 31, of 17 Church Street, Thornhill, October 26 on a charge of wounding.

Police said that Edward Gillander, 31, common-law husband of Mrs. Paul, suffered a knife wound in his forearm when he lifted it to ward off a blow during an argument in the kitchen of the couple's home.

James Taylor, 47, of Pharmacy Avenue, Toronto, was charged with failing to remain at the scene of an accident and failing to report an accident, following an incident at William Schwartz's BA Service Station, 140 Yonge Street, October 22.

Police said a man backed into the gas pumps, got out of his car, viewed the damage, and then got back into his car and drove away.

He was arrested in Vanderford later in the day.

In Aurora, a hold-up man got away with \$70 in cash from Stedman's Department Store, October 27, about 5:30 p.m.

Police said the robber waved a gun at the checkout counter cashier and demanded \$50. He then grabbed a handful of bills from the cash drawer.

He was described as about 19, five feet, six inches, wavy, blonde hair, medium length, wearing light brown suede jacket with white fur collar.

Other occurrences in the

area: A phoney \$50 bill (turned up at Toronto-Dominion Bank, 7085 Don Mills Road, Markham, in the deposit of Opticam Limited, Milliken, October 22; Rose Alexandra, Concession 6, Georgina Township, reported the theft of a Hereford steer, valued at \$700, from her farm, October 24 Or 25; John Green, 26, of Alton Avenue, Toronto, suffered a broken leg when he fell from a ladder while working at Farmstead Restaurant, 7354 Don Mills Road in Markham; vandals at Superior Sand and Gravel, Maple, drove a diesel truck through some hydro wires on the grounds last week, causing \$400 damage.

A building at the Town of Vaughan dump, Teston Road, Maple, was broken into and \$336 worth of equipment was taken; Andy Pasystor, Crestwood Road, Thornhill, reported the theft of a pavement and pavement roller, valued at \$2,050 from 7545 Yonge Street, Thornhill, October 20 to 22; Maine Mail Order Supply Company, 67 Doncaster Avenue, Thornhill, \$937

in electric equipment and cash; Morten Bostlund, RR 1, King, \$850 in stereo equipment; Nell Gwyn Restaurant, Concord, \$900 in cash, cigarettes and liquor; Frank Kellam, 25 Idleswift Drive, Thornhill, \$600 in jewelry from his home.

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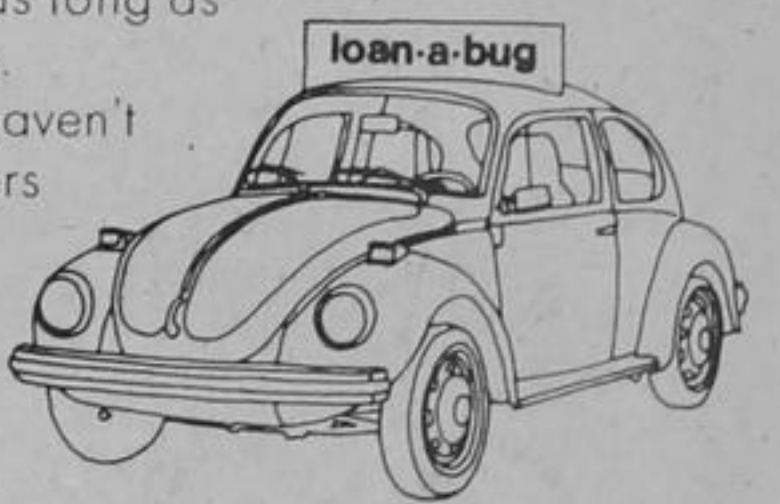
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